

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Joyce Skidmore House Survey Number: G-VI-A-⁰⁸⁴~~041~~

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ No ☐ Yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Joyce Skidmore House is recommended not eligible for the National Register. Settlement in this area of Oakland did not occur with any intensity until the 1940s. Significant increased development related to the Oakland region's promotion as a resort focused primarily within Oakland and in the adjoining communities of Mountain Lake Park and Loch Lynn Heights. Thus the Skidmore House does not meet Criteria A, associations with broad patterns of history. Research has not indicated that the dwelling relates to any known historic persons or events either. Although the house is a good example of the Bungalow style, this type of building in the Oakland area most typically was constructed of brick. In addition, bungalow houses also typically displayed multi-paned windows while this building contains single-pane sash. The dwelling possesses insufficient integrity of materials, design, workmanship and association for eligibility under Criterion C, embodiment of the distinctive characteristics of an architectural style. The building also does not appear to potentially provide important formation for the study of history.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Stuart Dixon, KCI Technologies, Inc.


Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/20/98
Date

NR program concurrence: ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

Reviewer, NR program

Date



Joyce Skidmore House
G-VI-A-~~041~~ 084
543 South Third Street
Oakland
1920
Private

The Joyce Skidmore House is a one-and-one-half-story, stuccoed Craftsman side-gable bungalow with a full-width front porch. An associated garage stands behind and north of the dwelling.

Constructed in 1920 according to Garrett County tax records, the Joyce Skidmore House relates to Oakland's expansion during the end of its heyday as a resort. The Skidmore House also documents the use of Bungalow architecture in the county.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. G-VI-A-041 ⁰⁸⁴

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Joyce Skidmore House

2. Location

street & number 543 South Third Street

___ not for publication

city, town Oakland

___ vicinity

county Garrett

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Joyce Skidmore

street & number 543 South Third Street

telephone

city, town Oakland

state and zip code MD 21550

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse

tax map and parcel 112-14-1687

city, town Oakland

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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
___ district	___ public	___ agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___ commerce/trade	<u>2</u> <u>0</u> buildings
___ structure	___ both	___ defense	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> sites
___ site		<u>X</u> domestic	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> structures
___ object		___ education	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> objects
		___ funerary	<u>2</u> <u>0</u> Total
		___ government	
		___ health care	
		___ industry	
		___ landscape	
		___ recreation/ culture	
		___ religion	
		___ social	
		___ transportation	
		___ work in progress	
		___ unknown	
		___ vacant/not in use	
		___ other:	
Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory			
<u>0</u>			

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☒ fair ☐ altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Joyce Skidmore House (G-VI-A-041) is located at 543 South Third Street in Oakland. This house is a one-and-one-half-story, stuccoed Craftsman side-gable bungalow with a full-width front porch. It is two bays wide and three bays deep. Facing southeast, the dwelling sits on a rectangular lot in a neighborhood of early to mid-twentieth century homes along Third Street.

The masonry house is covered with stucco and rests on a concrete foundation that encloses a full cellar. A stuccoed water table encircles the entire house. Its side-facing gable roof has half-width gable-roofed dormers on both the southeast (front) and northwest (rear) elevations. The dormers and gable ends are sheathed with wooden shingles. There is a projecting shed-roofed bay window on the southwest elevation. The asphalt-shingled multiple roof planes on this house have open cornices finished with wooden soffit, exposed rafter feet, and wooden knee braces on the raking eaves. The house is painted pale gray with brick red trim and white windows.

Concrete steps lead to the full-width front porch on the southeast elevation. Its shed roof is supported by battered wood shingled columns on square stuccoed piers. It has stuccoed closed railings capped with concrete and a poured concrete floor. On the northeast elevation there is a ground-level side entrance protected by a braced gable-roofed entry hood. An exterior stuccoed chimney flanked by two small fixed-sash windows is located on the southwest (side) elevation. A second chimney constructed of brick rises from the roof just behind the ridge line.

The door and window openings have concrete sills and have recessed plain wooden surrounds. The bungalow has one-over-one double-hung wooden sash windows. Most are spaced in bands or pairs, although there are a several singly-spaced windows. In addition, there are wooden fixed sash basement windows below the water table. The bungalow retains its original wooden sash doors: the Craftsman-style nine-paned front door and the half-glass side door.

An associated garage stands behind and north of the dwelling. Clad in stucco, it rests on a concrete foundation. Its front-facing asphalt-shingled roof has an open cornice finished with wooden soffit, exposed rafter tails, and wooden knee braces on the raking eaves. The gable ends are sided with wooden shingles. Its garage opening is sealed with three wooden batten doors with multi-paned sashes. The garage has two-over-two double-hung sash and multi-pane fixed sash wooden windows. It is painted to match the house.

There is a macadam driveway along the northeast side of the bungalow that leads to the garage. A concrete walk connects the front steps and the street. The back yard is encircled by a treeline. Behind this area and the garage, the lot drops off to the northwest.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates Circa 1920 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

Constructed in 1920 according to Garrett County tax records, the Joyce Skidmore House relates to Oakland's expansion during the end of its heyday as a resort. Beginning in the early 1870s the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad (B&O) promoted the Oakland area as a summer resort and erected large hotels at Oakland and Deer Park. The town's population grew quickly thereafter and become the county seat when Garret was formed from part of Allegany County in 1872. Competition from other resorts and the rise of the automobile as the principal mode of transportation led the B&O to close its Oakland hotel by 1910. Oakland continued to slowly expand due to its role as the county seat and local market center throughout the early twentieth century. Actually located outside of the town limits when built, Oakland annexed the South Third Street area into its corporate limits in 1989.

The Skidmore House also documents the use of Bungalow architecture in the county. Popular during the 1910s and 1920s, the Bungalow style featured horizontal massings with shallowly-sloped gable roofs and wide, overhanging eaves. Bungalows also often mixed finish materials, such as brick and shingles, as well as exhibiting tall narrow windows, and battered piers or posts on wide porches. during the early twentieth century.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial / Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870 - 1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 0.50 acres

Acreage surveyed 0.50 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 1687, Map 112, Grid 14

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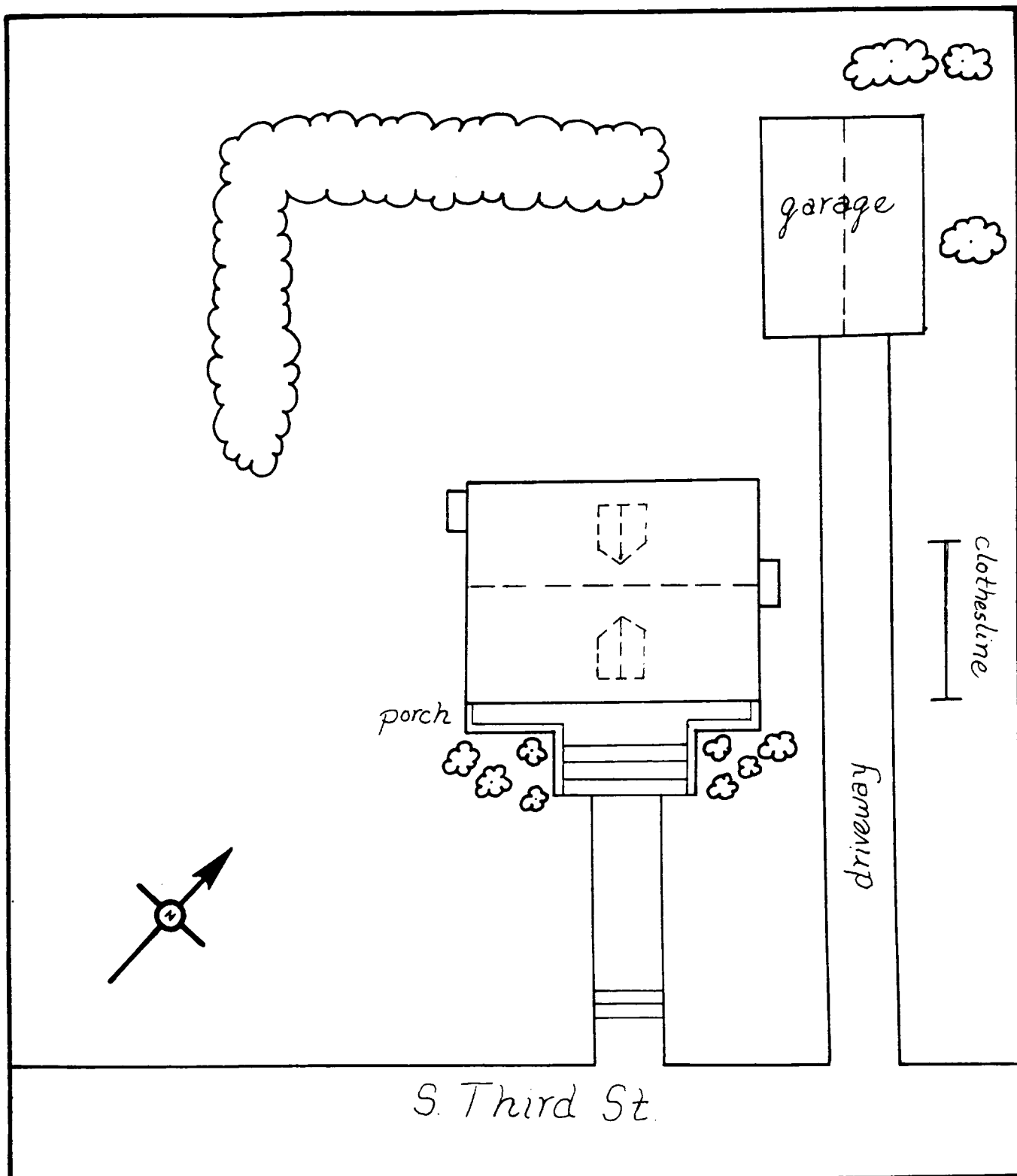
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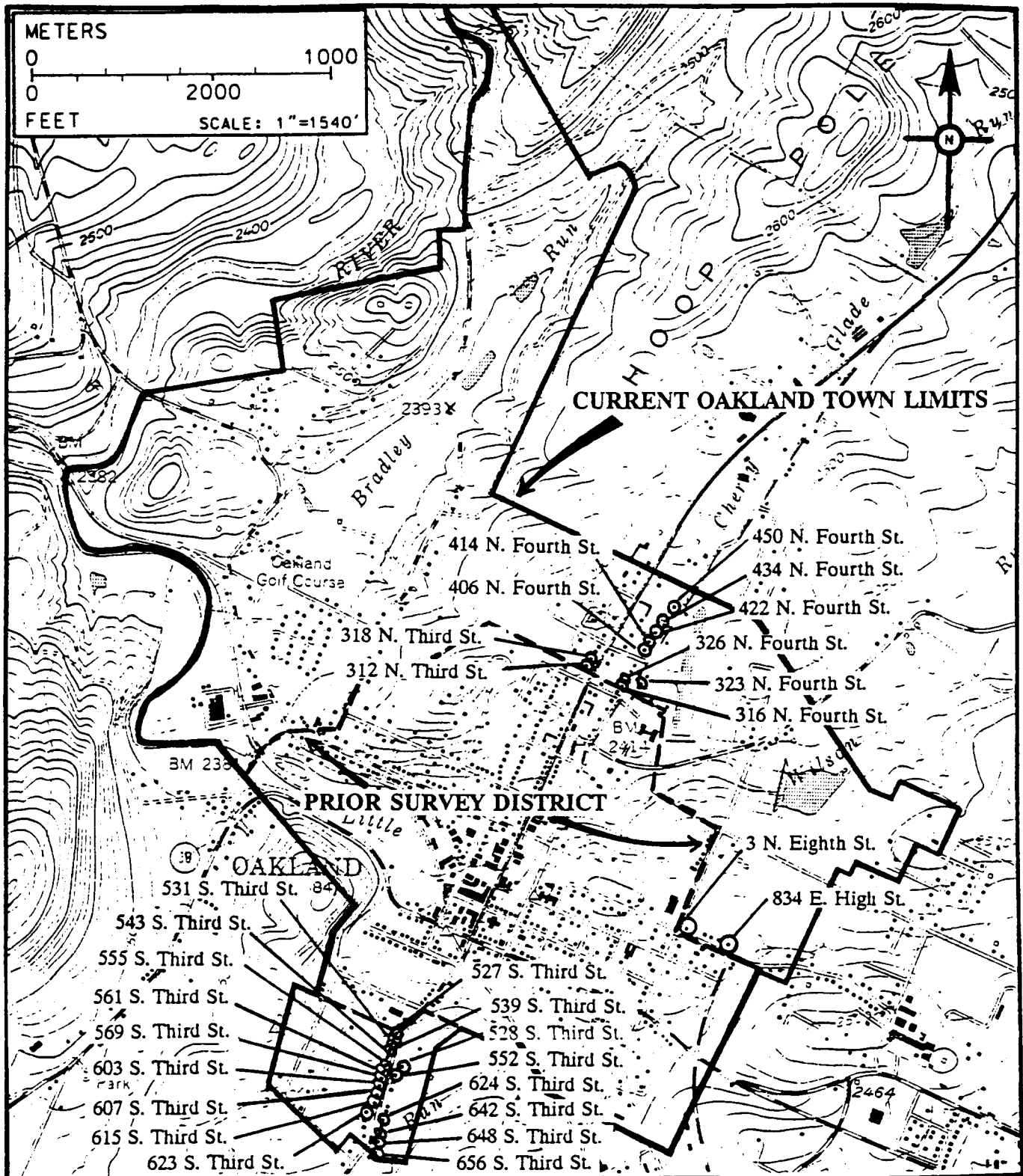
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Resource Sketch Map

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Joyce E. Skidmore House
543 South Third Street
Oakland, Garrett County



Addenda to Oakland Survey District
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Enlargement of the Oakland, MD-WVA (USGS 1974) 7.5' Quadrangle map showing the location of historic resources being added to the Oakland Survey District previously documented by the MHT.



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